



R05-20-A-048

November 26, 2019

Matt Didier
EPA Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Mail Code SB-7J
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Re: U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Didier:

The Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) is submitting the enclosed application for a Coalition Assessment Grant in the amount of \$600,000 (requesting \$532,309 for hazardous substances assessment and \$67,691 for petroleum assessment). This grant will allow OMEGA and its coalition partners to address the threats that brownfields pose to the health and welfare of residents; restore properties to productive, energy-efficient, job-creating, tax-generating uses; and protect waterways and public water wells in the region.

The mission of OMEGA is to "Connect Communities to Resources" by facilitating community and economic development throughout our ten-county region. Historically, Appalachian Ohio has struggled to rejuvenate the regional economy amid an ongoing manufacturing and mining downturn. The steady job losses, low median household incomes, and lack of developable land in the region have left the area without adequate resources to undertake brownfields assessments without seeking financial assistance from the U.S. EPA through the Brownfields Assessment Grant.

The following information was requested as part of the Coalition Assessment Grant application:

1. **Applicant Identification:** Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, 326 Highland Avenue, Cambridge, OH 43725
2. **Funding Requested**
 - a. **Assessment Grant Type:** Coalition
 - b. **Federal Funds Requested:** \$600,000
 - c. **Contamination:** \$532,309 hazardous substances and \$67,691 petroleum.
3. **Federal Funds Requested Waiver:** We will not be requesting a Site-specific Assessment grant waiver.
4. **Location:** The following counties in eastern Ohio: Columbiana (excluding the City of Salem), Tuscarawas, Holmes, Harrison, Coshocton, Guernsey, and Carroll.
5. **Property Information for Site-specific Applications:** Not Applicable

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6. Contacts

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7. Population

- a. East Liverpool, population 10,713;
- b. Wellsville, population 3,330;
- c. New Philadelphia, population 17,417

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 10,000 or less.	4
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	2
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	3
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield site(s) within the target area.	

Letters from the State Environmental Authority: Please see attachments.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me directly at (740) 439-4471, ext. 204, or reach me at my email address: jeannettew@omegadistrict.org. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E.
Executive Director

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November 20, 2019

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
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RE: Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association Coalition Community Wide Assessment Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Didier:

I am pleased to offer Ohio EPA's support for the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association Coalition (OMEGA) Community Wide Assessment Grant Proposal. The Coalition is applying for a community wide assessment grant for \$500,000 for hazardous substances and \$100,000 for petroleum, totaling \$600,000. The Coalition is a partnership between OMEGA, the City of New Philadelphia, and the Columbiana County Port Authority. We have worked with the City and the Port Authority in the past and hope to provide support under the Assessment, Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund Grant program established by the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfield Revitalization Act (P.L. 107118).

The funding the Coalition is requesting under their community wide assessment grant proposal will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, a brownfield inventory and cleanup plan for targeted areas, and community outreach and training. OMEGA will focus on an industrial corridor that runs along Mill Avenue on the south side of New Philadelphia, the City of East Liverpool, and the Village of Wellsville. A few specific target properties include the Howden Buffalo building with known PCE contamination, and the Puritan Laundry site with a known PCE plume. Revitalizing these properties will reduce blight, enhance and improve public welfare, and open opportunities for new economic development in depressed areas.

We look forward to working with the OMEGA Coalition and U.S. EPA on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614-644-2295 or via e-mail at Lisa.Shook@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Shook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Shook" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Shook, Manager
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Voluntary Action Program

cc: Trina Woodland, Community Development Specialist, OMEGA
Natalie Oryshkewych, Ohio EPA, DERR/NEDO

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November 18, 2019

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RE: Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Didier:

This letter acknowledges that the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) notified the Office of the Fire Marshal, Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) of its plans to use \$100,000 of the larger \$600,000 grant proposal for a community-wide brownfield assessment for petroleum waste. The remainder of the proposed grant amount will be used for hazardous substances investigation. OMEGA is applying for the grant on behalf of seven counties they represent: Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, and Tuscarawas. The targeted areas for this grant include specifically the southside of New Philadelphia and the East Liverpool/Wellsville areas, as well as any other community within the counties represented. Goals of the grant include assessment of blighted areas, improving and protecting the waterways and green spaces, the revitalization of depressed residential areas, and to encourage reuse of existing buildings.

I am pleased to offer BUSTR's support for the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association's Community Wide-Brownfield Assessment Grant proposal. We look forward to working with the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association and the U.S.EPA on this project.

Sincerely,

Verne A. Ord
Bureau Chief – BUSTR
Division of State Fire Marshal
Ohio Department of Commerce

xc: Site File
Trina Woodland, Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association

Narrative/Ranking Criteria (and Evaluation Criteria) for Assessment Grants

IV.E.1. Project Area Description and Plans for Revitalization (40 Total Points)

IV.E.1.a Target Area and Brownfields (15 points)

IV.E.1.a.i. Background and Description of Target Area (5 points)

The Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) is partnering with the Columbiana County Port Authority (CCPA) and the City of New Philadelphia to form the OMEGA Coalition, which will spearhead the effort to ignite brownfield revitalization throughout the region. OMEGA is a regional council of governments created to provide economic and community development services for ten (10) counties in eastern Ohio. Counties served by OMEGA include Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas. Excluded from this grant application are Belmont, Jefferson, and Muskingum counties, and the City of Salem (Columbiana County); all of whom are either working under a current assessment grant or applying independently. Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, the OMEGA Coalition region covers 3,401 square miles and represents a total population of 461,680. A beautiful, but isolative landscape, only about 8% of the area is developed. Many of the affected sites lie along waterways, in downtown areas or in residential areas, making assessment and cleanup critical.

During much of the 19th and 20th centuries, the regional economy was driven by coal mining, oil drilling, glass manufacturing, and steel mills. The abundance of red clay throughout the region also supported a thriving pottery industry. The pottery produced was highly sought after and shipped globally. The subsequent rise of industrialization in the United States during the late 19th century created scores of industries that required the abundant resources of Appalachia to fuel growing factories and mills. The rich ore deposits in the area were often in demand in their raw state, and as such were shipped across the country to fuel the industry that would build a nation, but eventually leave Appalachia depleted and distressed.

An economy built on extracted resources was devastated when those industries began to decline in the latter part of the twentieth and early twenty-first century. A move to a post-industrial economy began a sustained decline that continues today. The ongoing loss of jobs continues to cause outmigration, robbing the region of its youth and contributing to an ever-shrinking population. The region experienced a 3% population loss since the 2000 census and no turnaround is in sight. The Appalachian Regional Commission predicts that by 2040, the OMEGA Coalition region will lose another 3,900 people (<https://omegadistrict.org/reports/>).

The lack of developable land throughout the region adds to the urgency of assessing and cleaning up brownfield properties. In the 2017 OMEGA Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a lack of shovel-ready sites was highlighted as a significant barrier to economic growth. There is new momentum building on the back of the thriving energy industry throughout the region. Communities throughout the OMEGA Coalition area must be able to leverage the opportunities as they emerge if they hope to achieve parity with the rest of the nation.

Target Area #1 – The OMEGA Coalition is targeting the Industrial Corridor in the City of New Philadelphia, specifically the Puritan Laundry and Howden Buffalo (Howden) sites. Both sites sit abandoned, occupying prime real estate in a largely industrial area of the city. The presence of these contaminated sites creates a substantial barrier to economic growth in the city. These large properties are not contributing productively to the economy of New Philadelphia. The

Howden site alone occupies over 13 acres and could potentially house multiple commercial or industrial enterprises.

New Philadelphia's Industrial Corridor sits along the Tuscarawas River on the southern edge of the city core. This census block has a population of 711 people. Twenty-two percent (22%) of the residents are Hispanic, representing a number that is over four times the average for minorities throughout the OMEGA region (5.2%). According to 2013-2017 American Community Survey estimates, 41% of households in the target area make less than \$25,000 per year. Forty-two percent (42%) of the residents are children under the age of 17. Additionally, 17% of residents in this area experience linguistic isolation, putting them in the 99th percentile for the state of Ohio. The area ranks in the 88th percentile for populations with less than a high school diploma and the 89th percentile for population under the age of five (<https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/demogreportpdf.aspx?report=acs2017>).

Target Area #2 - The second target area includes the City of East Liverpool and the Village of Wellsville in Columbiana County. Located approximately two miles apart on the southeastern tip of the county, these municipalities lie directly along the Ohio River. Wellsville and East Liverpool are located along an elevated plateau, which allows direct access to the river, but keeps them out of the floodplain. In addition to foundries, brick makers, and paint works, numerous potteries thrived from the 1840s until the early twentieth century. Proximity to the Ohio River and easy rail access created an intermodal transportation corridor for manufacturers to ship their goods. Today, none of the 100+ once-thriving potteries exist, and manufacturing has greatly diminished. To capitalize on the region's newfound economic growth from the energy industry, the CCPA's Wellsville Intermodal Facility is expanding operations. Completed in 2015, this Facility enables multimodal cargo transportation (road, rail, and barge) and is the impetus for revitalizing the area. The Ohio River continues to play a vital role in the mid-and downstream oil/gas and petrochemical industry development. The Wellsville Port is planning strategic investments in new equipment to prepare for future expansion. Additionally, the population center of the Village of Wellsville lies within an Opportunity Zone. Located in the Mahoning Valley region, these Rust Belt towns were also home to a thriving steel industry. Today, these abandoned commercial and industrial sites threaten the health and safety of residents and create blight.

IV.E.1.a.ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s) (10 points)

The Puritan Laundry operated from the early 1900s to 1985, at which time a fire destroyed the Puritan building and its contents. The property is currently owned in trust. According to the Ohio EPA records, Puritan used 50 gallons of perchloroethylene (PCE) per year from 1975 through 1985. The company reportedly used Stoddard solvent (mineral spirits) prior to the use of PCE. PCE contamination has been identified in the soil on the Puritan Laundry property. Ground water below Puritan Laundry was found to be contaminated with PCE. Downgradient sampling showed a PCE plume migrating from the Puritan Laundry site to the city's drinking water wellfield, which is located approximately 1,200 feet southeast of Puritan. The two air strippers on the wellfield site are actively maintained and ensure safe drinking water for New Philadelphia. The site is only 800 feet from the Tuscarawas River.

The Howden building is located at 338 S. Broadway Street approximately 1,300 feet from the Puritan site. Originally known as Joy Manufacturing, Howden produced industrial fans. The factory closed its doors permanently in 2014. The Howden ground property was assessed

and found to contain PCEs in the soils, which had leached into the groundwater. The air strippers ensure that the property remains in compliance with EPA requirements. There is no record that an asbestos survey was ever done on the building. Multiple potential end users have declined to redevelop the building, citing concerns regarding possible asbestos contamination. This building has been used as a manufacturing facility for over 100 years and is currently owned by Howden Buffalo, Inc.

IV.E.1.b. Revitalization of the Target Area (15 points)

IV.E.1.b.i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans (10 points)

The resurgence of the OMEGA Coalition region is dependent on the appropriate reuse of previously developed land. New Philadelphia sits on a plain carved out by the Tuscarawas River and is surrounded on three sides by steep hills and to the north by the City of Dover. Realizing the physical and fiscal limitations of expansion, New Philadelphia has developed a master plan for the city, recommending rehabilitation of sites in the target area. If redeveloped, this will align with the city's Master Plan to improve the condition of the neighborhood and encourage new investment. Two Opportunity Zones (Census Tracts 211 & 220.01) exist within ten miles of the target area. The Puritan and Howden sites are connected by the same highways and railroad to these Opportunity Zones. The OMEGA Coalition would use US EPA assessment funds to help direct future assessment work at the sites. Plans would include a better delineation of the source area at the Puritan Laundry and Howden sites and would develop a remedial action plan for cleanup.

The CCPA has two major goals. The facilitation of cargo movement on the Ohio River and promotion of economic development in Columbiana County. Local topography challenges the growth of municipalities in this target area, so the reuse of previously developed land is critical. Wellsville is the site of the last public deep-water port on the Ohio River and is located 25 miles west of the new ethane cracker plant being constructed in Monaca, Pennsylvania. This plant will produce polyethylene polymers that will be used by the plastics industry to be transformed into consumer and industrial goods. Redeveloping brownfield properties along the Ohio River will align with the goals of the CCPA. Companies that locate or expand here will have immediate access to the port to quickly move products to market, either by barge, road, or rail. Wellsville is located within an Opportunity Zone (Census Tract 9518), which will allow developers to leverage additional financial resources to redevelop sites in the village.

IV.E.1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy (5 points)

With a total ground footprint of 13.4 acres, (227,000 square feet under roof) the Howden site is large enough to breathe new life into the region's economic development strategies. Ideas currently under consideration for this site include an intermodal transportation center, a commercial business center, community center, restaurants, entertainment venues, or retail shops. This site is located between two Opportunity Zones (Census tracts 211 & 220.01) and will potentially spur future developments in those areas. The restoration of historical brick walkways and driveways and the incorporation of bioswales will support the city's commitment to incorporate green infrastructure into redeveloped areas.

The CCPA has plans to expand the Intermodal Facility to better leverage the economic opportunities currently evolving along the Ohio River. Redeveloping sites for future industries to locate close to the Ohio River fulfills the stated goals of the CCPA. The CCPA will work with

prospective developers and OMEGA's LEED-certified planner to incorporate green infrastructure and energy-efficient building methods into redevelopment plans.

IV.E.1.c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources (10 points)

IV.E.1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse (5 points)

If funded, the OMEGA Coalition will augment the US EPA grant funding with additional regional resources to facilitate the completion and implementation of remedial action plans on the greatest number of sites possible. Other resources for redevelopment may include the Ohio EPA's Abandoned Gas Station program and the JobsOhio Revitalization program. OMEGA can also assist member communities in applying for and administering additional funding through: JobsOhio and its subsidiaries (Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth & Team Northeast Ohio); Ohio EPA; Appalachian Regional Commission; Ohio Governor's Office of Appalachia; Economic Development Administration; Community Development Block Grant; OMEGA Revolving Loan Fund/Regional 166 Loan Fund; Appalachian Growth Capital CDFI; USDA Rural Development; Ohio Public Works Commission; Ohio Department of Transportation; and Tax Increment Financing districts.

IV.E.1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure (5 points)

The intent for the Howden site and buildings and the Puritan site is redevelopment and reuse. Water, sewer, electric and other utility infrastructure are all present at the sites. Sites in the Wellsville/East Liverpool target area are all located inside the municipal limits. The utility infrastructure is present on these sites, though updates may need to be made for modern uses.

IV.E.2. Community Need and Community Engagement (35 Total Points)

IV.E.2.a. Community Need (20 points)

IV.E.2.a.i. The Community's Need for Funding (5 points)

Though New Philadelphia is the largest city in the OMEGA Coalition region, the population is only 17,417 and has been declining over the previous two decades. East Liverpool and Wellsville both have smaller populations (10,713 & 3,330, respectively) and have also experienced population declines. Both target areas are significantly below the national median household income (MHI) of \$57,652. New Philadelphia's MHI is \$43,550, which is 75.5% of the national average. Comparatively, the East Liverpool and Wellsville target area has a current MHI of \$29,289, which is only 50.8% of the nation's MHI. The loss of tax revenues and the low MHI levels negatively impact the ability of the local governments to generate adequate funding to undertake the necessary assessment and remediation actions without financial assistance. OMEGA's role as a planning organization and lead applicant ensures that smaller regional municipalities are empowered to participate in this opportunity, allowing for a larger geographic area to benefit from the grant funding.

IV.E.2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations (15 points)

The OMEGA region has a minority percentage rate of 5.2%. This factor augments the environmental justice implications for the New Philadelphia target area. At 22%, the Hispanic population in this area is more than four times greater than the minority average for the OMEGA region. The per capita income here is \$14,809. There is a low-income population of 55%, with more than 41% of households making less than \$25,000 per year. Approximately 57% of this population experiences linguistic isolation. Eleven percent (11%) are children under the age of five (5) and 12% of this population is over the age of 64

(<https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/demogreportpdf.aspx?report=acs2017>).

Most residents live in rental housing, more than half of which was constructed prior to 1950 and carries a high risk for containing lead-based paint. There is known PCE contamination in the ground which has been linked to liver and kidney damage, as well as cancer. If funded, the assessment grant will spark development of a clean-up plan that will address the ground contaminants and the potential asbestos in the associated buildings and allow for new commercial or industrial development.

The largest environmental justice concern facing the Wellsville/East Liverpool target area is poverty. This area has a combined population of 14,043 and average household income of \$29,289. Thirty-three percent of residents live below the poverty line compared to the national average of 14.6%. Sixty-six percent of the combined population is considered low income (https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml). Importantly, 100% of the children in the East Liverpool City School District qualify for free lunch under USDA's Community Eligibility Program, which gives free breakfast and lunch to children in economically distressed communities (<https://www.elcsd.k12.oh.us/Administration/2>). The combined population of East Liverpool and Wellsville registers in the 80th percentile in Ohio for cancer and respiratory diseases (https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/ejscreen_SOE.aspx). Additionally, most of the housing in this target area is pre-1960s and carries a high risk of containing lead-based paint. As this area is currently experiencing a housing shortage, clean-up planning may include the addition of green/energy-efficient housing options.

IV.E.2.b. Community Engagement (15 points)

IV.E.2.b.i. Project Partners (5 points) & IV.E.2.b.ii. Project Partner Roles (5 points)

List of Project Partners		
Partner Name	Point of Contact	Specific Role in the Project
Columbiana County Port Authority	Penny Traina ptraina@ccpa-ohioriver.com 330-424-1800	Assist with community outreach, host four (4) stakeholder meetings for Columbiana County target area, & provide ongoing media updates
City of New Philadelphia	Mayor Joel Day jday@newphilaoh.com 330-364-4491, x1241	Assist with community outreach, host four (4) stakeholder meetings in target area, provide ongoing media updates, & in-kind labor
Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth	Ed Looman elooman@apeg.com 740-381-4119	Coordinate JobsOhio funding applications; access state lead information database
Kent State University	Cindy Supers csupers@kent.edu 330-308-7434	Run the business and community services office
Tuscarawas EDC	Harry Eadon headon@tuscedc.com 330-602-4422	Assist in finding investors, realtors, and entrepreneurs, to utilize the remediated locations
Chambers of Commerce	Varies by county	Connect entrepreneurs and investors to business owners in the revitalization process
Regional planning commissions	Varies by county	Ensures that land use plans & zoning codes are properly administered

IV.E.2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input (5 points)

As the lead applicant, OMEGA will send out quarterly updates through Constant Contact, which is the email software that we use to simultaneously disseminate information among our stakeholders. The OMEGA Coalition will engage the help of Kansas State University's Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program (TAB) to facilitate stakeholder meetings that will include visioning sessions, surveys, and comment periods for public input. TAB will assist the OMEGA Coalition in interpreting survey results, which will be shared with stakeholders and community through local newspapers, social media outlets, television, and radio. OMEGA currently holds seven (7) board meetings a year for its membership who represent stakeholders throughout the region. Updates shared at the board meetings can be communicated to their respective jurisdictions.

IV.E.3. Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress (50 Total Points)

IV.E.3.a. Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs (25 points)

IV.E.3.a.i. Project Implementation (10 points)

Upon notice of a US EPA funding award, OMEGA will manage all budgets and tasks and track expenditures using OMEGA's established procedures for administering previously received federal grants. At least two staff members (the Project Manager and one other) will engage in the Online ACRES training (Assessment, Cleanup, and Redevelopment Exchange System) so that all grant funded activities can be submitted to the US EPA in a correct and timely manner. The OMEGA Coalition has identified five tasks, outlined in Section IV.E.3.b.

The OMEGA Coalition has identified five sites for Phase I and Phase II assessments. There are the two identified sites in the target area of the City of New Philadelphia and an additional downtown site. There are at least three sites in the Wellsville/East Liverpool target area. The OMEGA Coalition will continue to identify eligible sites throughout the region, especially in communities where financial resources are depleted and there is no capacity to assess eligible sites on their own.

IV.E.3.a.ii. Anticipated Project Schedule (5 points)

If funded, the OMEGA Coalition will hold a public meeting within 90 days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed. This initial meeting will be a general informational session to inform the community about the grant award and the plan for administering the funds across the target areas and the greater OMEGA region. We will also use the 90 days to hire environmental professionals to conduct Phase I and Phase II assessments and assist with the development of Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) on specific identified sites. We will request that consultants provide progress updates to the Coalition on a quarterly basis. Based on progress and completion of Phase II assessments, additional meetings with consultants will be scheduled to discuss environmental concerns, site reuse possibilities, and public engagement for next steps. Meetings will be scheduled in various locations throughout the target areas and the greater OMEGA region to solicit as much public input as possible. The OMEGA Coalition and its consultants will hold evaluation meetings upon 50% and 75% of project completion to evaluate progress and determine necessary steps. These meetings will be used to ensure timely completion of the project. The Coalition will hold a final meeting upon project completion. Final outcomes will be shared at this meeting, as well as next steps for cleanup.

Milestones: Initial Mobilization meeting; Progress Meeting upon 50% completion; Progress Meeting upon 75% completion; Final Meeting - 100% completion - Final report/Implementation

IV.E.3.a.iii. Task/Activity Lead (5 Points)

Task 1 - Site Inventory and Prioritization: OMEGA will retain a consultant to develop the prioritized site inventory database to include development and maintenance of a GIS web-based inventory system. Coalition members and stakeholders will base site priorities on economic needs defined in OMEGA's CEDS. Brownfield sites will be identified based on eligibility and prioritization of the sites will be based on location (proximity to waterways or Opportunity Zones), condition of existing infrastructure, identification of potential end users, benefit to persons of low/moderate income, and the community's vision for redevelopment. The OMEGA Coalition will leverage the necessary technical/financial resources and assess the benefit to sensitive populations. We will also evaluate the site potential for redevelopment that will result in full-time, living wage jobs.

Task 2 - Conduct Phase I & Phase II Assessments: Using the procurement procedures specified in 2 CFR 200, OMEGA will retain Certified Environmental Professionals (CEPs) to conduct the Phase I and Phase II ESAs for both hazardous and petroleum sites. CEPs with expertise in the Voluntary Action Program (VAP) and Voluntary Response Program (VRP) will oversee the assessment activities. At a minimum, prioritized sites will undergo Phase I Assessments in compliance with US EPA's All Appropriate Inquiry Standards (ASTM E1527-13). Highest priority Phase I Assessments may be completed to meet Phase I VAP and VRP requirements so that sites can leverage additional cleanup funds through the Ohio EPA and the US EPA. For hazardous substance sites, Phase II ESAs will be conducted in accordance with ASTM 1903-11 and will follow VAP and VRP guidance. For petroleum sites, the Phase II ESA will be conducted in accordance with the Ohio Bureau of Underground Storage Tank (OBUSTR) regulations. Prior to any Phase II assessment work, the selected consultant will develop quality assurance/quality control project plans (QAPP), site specific sampling and analysis plans (SAP), and site-specific health and safety plans (HASP) for approval by US EPA.

Task 3 - Cleanup Planning - Remedial Action Plans (RAP) will be developed by a consultant for specific sites identified throughout the assessment process. The RAP for each site will include an evaluation of alternatives and costs for cleanup. Site redevelopment planning will include coordination with the property owner or developer to integrate the recommended remediation alternatives with the redevelopment of the property.

Task 4 - Community Outreach and Involvement - OMEGA Coalition partners will work together to conduct a series of community outreach meetings to ensure that proposed site remediation and redevelopment activities will align with the community's vision as well as the general public's vision for the target areas. Meetings will be held in strategic locations throughout the service region to provide opportunities for all stakeholders to attend a meeting close to their home. Charrette planning and proposed renderings will be integral components of these public involvement meetings. Local officials, community groups, service organizations, schools, and the general public will be invited to the meetings. Coalition members will also utilize social and traditional media outlets such as local newspapers, radio, and television. In addition to these visioning and redevelopment focused meetings, OMEGA coalition partners will provide a semi-annual update to the general public and other stakeholders on project progress in each impacted community during the three-year grant period. Updates will be provided during each of OMEGA's regularly scheduled board meetings (seven per year, open to the public), posted on OMEGA's website, and shared through social media.

Task 5 – Programmatic and Administrative - OMEGA has the staff, experience, and resources to successfully administer the grant funds. More details may be found in Section IV.E.3.b.

IV.E.3.a.iv. Outputs (5 points)

Task	Outputs	Outcomes
Site Inventory & Prioritization	>20 sites	Provide framework for redevelopment of a minimum of 16 acres. Minimize threats to human health, water supplies, and the environment. Stimulate economic growth and community revitalization.
Phase 1 & Phase 2 ESAs	Phase 1 ESA: ≥ 13 Phase 2 ESA: ≥ 6	
Remedial Action Plans	≥ 7 plans	
Community Outreach & Involvement	12 community meetings 21 OMEGA board meetings	
Programmatic & Administrative	RFP for consultant services Comply with US EPA requirements	

IV.E.3.b. Cost Estimates (20 points)

Project Tasks (\$)									
Budget Categories		Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Task 5			Total
		Inventory	Phase I & II ESAs	Planning	Public Outreach	Program.	Admin.	Subtotal	
Direct Costs	Personnel-H	-	-	-	-	\$12,960	\$6,480	\$19,440	\$19,440
	Personnel-P	-	-	-	-	\$3,240	\$1,620	\$4,860	\$4,860
	Fringe-H	-	-	-	-	\$5,819	\$2,910	\$8,729	\$8,729
	Fringe-P	-	-	-	-	\$1,455	\$727	\$2,182	\$2,182
	Travel-H	-	-	-	-	\$2,500	-	\$2,500	\$2,500
	Travel-P	-	-	-	-	\$500	-	\$500	\$500
	Equipment-H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Equipment-P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Supplies-H	-	-	-	\$500	\$400	\$200	\$600	\$1,100
	Supplies-P	-	-	-	\$100	\$89	\$100	\$189	\$289
	Contractual-H	\$7,500	\$441,000	\$37,500	\$12,500	-	-	-	\$498,500
	Contractual-P	\$2,500	\$47,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	-	-	-	\$59,500
	Other - Advertising-H	-	-	-	\$2,000	-	-	-	\$2,000
	Other - Advertising-P	-	-	-	\$400	-	-	-	\$400
	Total Direct Costs-H	\$7,500	\$441,000	\$37,500	\$15,000	\$21,679	\$9,590	\$31,269	\$532,269
	Total Direct Costs-P	\$2,500	\$47,000	\$7,500	\$3,000	\$5,284	\$2,447	\$7,731	\$67,731
Indirect Costs-H		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indirect Costs-P		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Budget		\$10,000	\$488,000	\$45,000	\$18,000	\$26,963	\$12,037	\$39,000	\$600,000

Task 1: Site Inventory and Prioritization, \$10,000

The estimated consultant cost for this task is \$10,000, of which \$7,500 will be for hazardous substances sites and \$2,500 for petroleum sites.

Task 2: Phase I & Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) \$488,000.

We estimate 10 Phase I ESAs will be conducted at an average cost of \$6,000 per hazardous substance site totaling \$60,000 and three Phase I assessments on petroleum sites at \$4,000 per site totaling \$12,000. The total budget for Phase I ESAs is \$64,000. We expect to perform up to five Phase II ESAs on hazardous substances sites at an estimated cost of \$75,000 per site for a total of \$375,000 and at least one Phase II ESA on petroleum site at an estimated cost of \$35,000. The estimated cost to prepare the QAPP is \$6,000 and the costs for the SAP and HASP are included in the Phase II ESA costs. The total cost for this task is \$488,000, \$441,000 for hazardous sites and \$47,000 for petroleum sites.

Task 3: Remedial Action and Site Redevelopment Planning, \$45,000

The OMEGA Coalition anticipates that five hazardous substance sites and two petroleum sites will need a Remedial Action Plan. The estimated cost to develop the Remedial Action Plan is \$7,500 per site, for a total of \$45,000; \$37,500 for hazardous substance sites and \$7,500 for petroleum sites.

Task 4: Community Outreach and Involvement, \$18,000

The estimated cost for consultant services to facilitate the public meetings is \$15,000. The cost for advertising/meeting materials is estimated at \$3,000, for a total of \$18,000; \$15,000 for hazardous sites and \$3,000 for petroleum sites. OMEGA will participate in these meetings with an estimated in-kind value of \$17,500 for time and travel expenses.

Task 5: Programmatic and Administrative, \$39,000

Programmatic tasks will include development of the request for qualifications/proposals for the CEPs or firms which will complete Tasks 1 through 3 and preparation of progress reports and the final status report to US EPA. The Project Manager will also attend one regional or national brownfields training conference per year. For these tasks, the estimated number of hours for programmatic activities by the OMEGA Project Manager and other supporting staff is 600 hours at an average of \$27/hour or \$16,200 over the three year period plus \$7,274 for fringe benefits, \$3,000 in travel expenses, and \$489 in miscellaneous supplies for a total of \$26,963. The programmatic expenses associated with hazardous sites are estimated to be \$21,679 and \$5,284 for petroleum sites. Administrative expenses will include costs to comply with 2 CFR Part 200 for record-keeping; preparing revisions to budgets, scope of work, program plans, and other activities; maintaining/operating financial management systems; preparing disbursement requests and payments; financial reporting; and close-out. The estimated number of staff hours for administration is 300 hours at an average of \$27/hour or \$8,100 over the three-year grant period plus \$3,637 for fringe benefits, and \$300 for supplies for a total of \$12,037; \$9,590 for hazardous sites and \$2,447 for petroleum sites.

IV.E.3.c. Measuring Environmental Results (5 Points)

Anticipated Outputs/Outcomes: The OMEGA Coalition's strategy for tracking and measuring progress has the following elements: 1) Evaluate achievements against milestones established within the grant application and work plan. 2) Evaluate whether the grant and projects have redeveloped priority sites and improved local brownfields management

fundamentals such as acquisition and the leveraging of additional dollars. 3) Document project outcomes and outputs.

IV.E.4 Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (25 Total Points)

IV.E.4.a. Programmatic Capability (15 points)

IV.E.4.a.i. Organizational Structure (5 points)

See next section

IV.E.4.a.ii Description of Key Staff (5 points)

Jeannette Wierzbicki, the Executive Director of OMEGA, has over 30 years of project management experience in both the private and public sectors. She is a professional engineer, registered in Ohio, manages nine employees and will have executive oversight for the project. Trina Woodland who has over 12 years of community development experience will be the Project Manager who will be assisted by other staff as needed to include Kevin Buettner, AICP who is also LEED certified.

IV.E.4.a.iii. Acquiring Additional Resources (5 points)

Members of the OMEGA Coalition have years of experience in developing Requests for Proposals/Qualifications. The organizations that makes up the Coalition have administered numerous contracts with consultants and subrecipients.

IV.E.4.b. Past Performance and Accomplishments (10 Points)

IV.E.4.b.i. Currently Has or Previously Received an EPA Brownfields Grant (10 points) – N/A

IV.E.4.b.ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements (10 points)

OMEGA has received other Federal and non-Federal funding for the following programs:

(1) Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)/Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA), \$1,414,000 - ARC/GOA are federal and state programs, respectively. These programs are focused on assisting communities throughout the Appalachian region with workforce development grants, technical assistance, grant writing/administration services, and training to local governments.

(2) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), \$198,916 - As a state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization, OMEGA utilizes funds for regional and local transportation planning.

(3) Economic Development Administration (EDA), \$210,000 (over three years) - As a certified Economic Development District, OMEGA facilitates applications for EDA grant programs and prepares the CEDS.

OMEGA uses GMS software, an acceptable accounting software for managing federal grants. OMEGA will continue to use this software for the financial management of this grant as well as the other federal grants. All terms of each grant agreement have been addressed with the highest level of due diligence, resulting in zero issues with grantors and the state's auditor's office.

IV.E.4.b.iii. Never Received Any Type of Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements (5 points) – N/A

Threshold Criteria for Assessment Grants

III.B.1. Applicant Eligibility

The Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) is a regional council of governments (political subdivision of the state) formed in 1968. Columbiana County was added to the OMEGA region in 1990. The CCPA was formed in March of 1977 by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbiana County, pursuant to Chapter 4582 of the Ohio Revised Code. The City of New Philadelphia is eligible as a unit of local government and is eligible for funding under this assessment grant. Documentation for each non-municipal applicant is included in this application package.

III.B.2. Community Involvement

The OMEGA Coalition will retain experts from the Voluntary Action Program (VAP) and the Voluntary Response Program (VRP) to oversee the assessment activities. At a minimum, prioritized sites will undergo Phase I Assessments in compliance with US EPAs All Appropriate Inquiry standards (ASTM E1527-13). Highest priority Phase I Assessments may be completed to meet Phase I VAP and VRP requirements. Both the City of New Philadelphia and the CCPA have committed to hold at least four (4) community involvement meetings in their respective communities throughout the grant period. The OMEGA Coalition will conduct public meetings with affected property owners and issue press releases to local media outlets. Information will be posted on the partners' websites. We will also conduct at least two (2) of the referenced meetings with the assistance of Kansas State University (KSU). A community survey will be provided at these meetings so community members can identify preferences for potential reuse options. There will also be an open forum to invite comments and address concerns.

III.B.3. Expenditure of Assessment Grant Funds

The OMEGA Coalition does not have an active assessment grant.

III.C. Additional Threshold Criteria for Site-Specific Applications Only

III.C.1. Basic Site Information – N/A

III.C.2. Status and History of Contamination at the Site – N/A

III.C.3. Brownfields Site Definition – N/A

III.C.4. Enforcement or Other Actions – N/A

III.C.5. Sites Requiring a Property-Specific Determination – N/A

III.C.6. Threshold Criteria Related to CERCLA/Petroleum Liability

III.C.6.a. Property Ownership Eligibility - Hazardous Substance Sites

III.C.6.a.i. Exemptions to CERCLA Liability – N/A

III.C.6.a.ii. Exceptions to Meeting the Requirements for Asserting an Affirmative Defenses to CERCLA Liability – N/A

III.C.6.a.iii. Landowner Protections from CERCLA Liability

III.C.6.a.iii.1 Bona Fide Prospective Liability Protection – N/A

III.C.6.a.iii.2. Non-Publicly Owned Sites Acquired Before January 11, 2002 – N/A

III.C.6.b. Property Ownership Eligibility - Petroleum Sites

III.C.6.b.i. Information Required for a Petroleum Site Eligibility Determination

III.C.6.b.i.1. Current and Immediate Past Owners – N/A

III.C.6.b.i.2 Acquisition of Site – N/A

III.C.6.b.i.3. No Responsible Party for the Site – N/A

III.C.6.b.i.4. Assessed by a Person Not Potentially Liable – N/A

III.C.6.b.i.5. Judgments, Orders, or Third Party Suits – N/A

III.C.6.b.i.6 Subject to RCRA – N/A

III.C.6.b.i.7. Financial Viability of Responsible Parties – N/A

III.C.7. Waiver of the \$200,000 Limit

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Frank LaRose, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION, an Ohio not for profit corporation, Charter No. 368388, having its principal location in Cambridge, County of Guernsey, was incorporated on January 26, 1968 and is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



*Witness my hand and the seal of the
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio
this 26th day of November, A.D.
2019.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank LaRose".

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: 201933001346

RESOLUTION

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the membership of OMEGA hereby accepts and agrees to carry out all of the functions heretofore exercised by TVRAC in the counties of Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum and Tuscarawas.

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And resolved further that all of the personnel heretofore employed by OMEGA upon the same terms and conditions as with TVRAC and in accordance with approved budgets.

Passed this 16th day of July, 1975, at Coshocton, Ohio.

OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS
ASSOCIATION

BY: _____

John E. O'Leary

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Ohio has by Executive Order on April 30, 1973, established a plan for the creation of Uniform Planning and Development Regions in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION is being organized by the designated governments in Region Nine for the purpose of implementing said Uniform Planning and Development in said Region; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by the Board of Commissioners of GUERNSEY County that participation and co-operation in OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION will result in improved participation in the many programs and services sponsored by Federal, State and Local Governments in the Counties comprising OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of said Executive Order and the requirements and procedures issued by the Department of Economic and Community Development, it is necessary that there be local financial support and participation by the Governmental organizations in Region Nine;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Commissioners of GUERNSEY County hereby agrees to become a full participating member in OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION.
2. That this Board will furnish from the County funds sufficient financial support to OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION to provide for the local

share of GUERNSEY County for the operation
and administration of OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS
ASSOCIATION as set forth in its annual budget as
established according to its bylaws.


John O. Mehaffey, President


Andrew Kotoff


John P. Taylor

Articles of Incorporation

—OF—

By _____

Date _____

Amount _____
FOR OFFICIAL
USE ONLY

TUSCARAWAS VALLEY REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Name of Corporation)

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a corporation, not for profit, under Sections 1702.01 et seq., Revised Code of Ohio, do hereby certify:

FIRST. The name of said corporation shall be _____

TUSCARAWAS VALLEY REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SECOND. The place in Ohio where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is

THE CITY OF DOVER

TUSCARAWAS

County.

(City, Village or Township)

THIRD. The purpose or purposes for which said corporation is formed are:

TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER FUNDS EXCLUSIVELY FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES WITHOUT PECUNIARY GAIN OR PROFIT TO ITS MEMBERS. ITS PURPOSE SHALL BE TO STUDY, PLAN, PROMOTE, COORDINATE, DEVELOP AND EXECUTE PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, UNDERTAKINGS, STUDIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELIMINATION OF SLUMS, BLIGHT AND BLIGHTING INFLUENCES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PLANNING, BUILDING, LEASING, RENTING AND SELLING OF ADEQUATE LOW AND MODERATE COST HOUSING, AND REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED PROPERTY AND ENCOURAGING INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ALL THE ABOVE TO BE DONE IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AND CIVIC BODIES, FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF COMBATING COMMUNITY DETERIORATION AND SECURING ADEQUATE HOUSING, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OTHER RELATED FACILITIES, SERVICES AND CONDITIONS, ECONOMIC AND OTHERWISE, CONDUCIVE TO THE PROGRESS AND GENERAL WELFARE OF TUSCARAW VALLEY AREA OF OHIO, AND TO THAT END:

(A) TO TAKE, ACCEPT, HOLD AND ACQUIRE BY BEQUEST, DEVISE, GIFT, PURCHASE, LOAN OR LEASE ANY PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL, OR MIXED, WHETHER TANGIBLE OR INTANGIBLE, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO KIND, AMOUNT OR VALUE;

(B) TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND ACCEPT GRANTS, GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, LOANS, AND ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF MONEY, PROPERTY, LABOR AND ANY OTHER FORM FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE FROM AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THIS STATE, AND INCLUDING THE APPLICATION FOR, RECEIPT, AND ACCEPTANCE, ON THE BEHALF OF THIS STATE, OF ASSISTANCE FROM AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE UNITED STATES;

(C) TO SELL, CONVEY, LEASE, OR MAKE LOANS, GRANTS, OR PLEDGES OF ANY SUCH PROPERTY, OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN OR PROCEEDS THEREFROM, AND TO INVEST AND REINVEST THE PRINCIPAL THEREOF AND RECEIPTS THEREFROM, IF ANY

(D) TO BORROW MONEY UPON AND PLEDGE, MORTGAGE ANY SUCH PROPERTY FOR ANY PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT IS ORGANIZED, AND TO ISSUE NOTES, BONDS OR OTHER FORMS OF INDEBTEDNESS TO SECURE ANY OF ITS OBLIGATIONS;

(E) TO PREPARE PLANS, SURVEYS, STUDIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT IS ORGANIZED;

(F) TO CLEAR, REBUILD, AND REHABILITATE BLIGHTED, DETERIORATED AREAS OR STRUCTURES;

(G) TO HOLD, IMPROVE BY CONSTRUCTION OR OTHERWISE, DEVELOP, CLEAR, PREPARE AND DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT IS ORGANIZED;

(H) TO CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE OR REHABILITATE STRUCTURES OR HOUSING UNITS ADEQUATE FOR THE RELOCATION OF PERSONS DISPLACED BY GOVERNMENTAL ACTION, AND MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO;

(I) TO ENCOURAGE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC CONCERNING THE OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION;

(J) TO CARRY ON ANY OF THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES OR PURPOSES EITHER DIRECTLY, BY CONTRACT, OR AS AGENT FOR, BY OR WITH OTHER PERSONS, ASSOCIATIONS, CORPORATIONS OR GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

FOURTH.

(A) TO CARRY ON ANY ACTIVITIES AND TO DEAL WITH AND EXPEND ANY SUCH PROPERTY OR INCOME THEREFROM FOR ANY OF THE AFORESAID PURPOSES PROVIDED THAT NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY MEMBER OR PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL AND NO MEMBER, DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION SHALL RECEIVE ANY PECUNIARY BENEFIT FROM THE CORPORATION, EXCEPT SUCH REASONABLE COMPENSATION AS MAY BE ALLOWED FOR SERVICES ACTUALLY RENDERED TO THE CORPORATION, AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT NO SUCH ACTIVITY SHALL BE SUCH AS IS NOT PERMITTED BY A CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501 (c) (3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 OR ANY CORRESPONDING FUTURE PROVISION OF SAID CODE, AND THAT NO SUCH ACTIVITY SHALL BE SUCH AS IS NOT PERMITTED BY A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170 (c) (2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE 1954 OR ANY CORRESPONDING FUTURE PROVISION OF SAID CODE, AND THAT NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION BY PROPAGANDA OR OTHERWISE, NOR SHALL IT INTERVENE IN, OR PARTICIPATE IN, ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

(B) UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL, AFTER PAYING OR MAKING PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL THE VALID LIABILITIES OF THE CORPORATION, DISPOSE OF ALL OF THE ASSETS OF THE CORPORATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION IN SUCH MANNER, OR TO SUCH ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATION ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, OR LITERARY PURPOSES AS SHALL AT THE TIME QUALIFY AS AN EXEMPT ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501 (c) (3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 OR ANY CORRESPONDING FUTURE PROVISION OF SAID CODE, AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL DETERMINE. ANY OF SUCH ASSETS NOT SO DISPOSED OF SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION IS THEN LOCATED, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 1702 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, 1953.

FIFTH. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION:

EUGENE R. WEIR, COSHOCTON, OHIO
WILLIAM BLACK, COSHOCTON, OHIO
OWEN MANNING, COSHOCTON, OHIO

WILLIAM MAGERS, CADIZ, OHIO
ED MILLS, CADIZ, OHIO
R. A. KAMMEYER, JEWETT, OHIO

LLOYD MCVANEY, MILLERSBURG, OHIO
ROBERT WHITE, HOLMESVILLE, OHIO
ANDY MAST, WALNUT CREEK, OHIO

BUD DULIN, UHRICHVILLE, OHIO
RICHARD DEMUTH, NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO
WILLIAM TRACY, NEW PHILADELPHIA

DORAN SAUERS, CARROLLTON, OHIO
JOHN EISENHUT, CARROLLTON, OHIO
LOUIS FUREY, MALVERN, OHIO

JOHN TINGLE, CAMBRIDGE, OHIO
ROBERT GAY, CAMBRIDGE, OHIO
BERNARD REED, CAMBRIDGE, OHIO

NICHOLAS KASCHEK, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO
BUD ENTINGER, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

EUGENE MACDONALD, ZANESVILLE, OHIO
WILLIAM LITTICK, ZANESVILLE, OHIO
DR. HARRY MANLEY, NEW CONCORD, OHIO

ALBERT G. GILES, COLUMBUS, OHIO

SIXTH. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, NOT LESS THAN THREE, SHALL SERVE
SAID CORPORATION AS TRUSTEES UNTIL THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OR OTHER MEETING
CALLED TO ELECT TRUSTEES.

GIVE STREET AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS

GENE MACDONALD
POST OFFICE BOX 1366
ZANESVILLE, OHIO 43701

ROBERT GAY, PRESIDENT
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CAMBRIDGE
CAMBRIDGE, OHIO

WILLIAM BLACK
OHIO POWER COMPANY
FOURTH STREET
COSHOCOTON, OHIO 43812

RICHARD DEMUTH
COURT HOUSE
NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO

DORAN SAUERS
CARROLLTON, OHIO

WILLIAM MAGERS
CITY BUILDING
CADIZ, OHIO

ROBERT WHITE
BUCKEYE MANUFACTURING COMPANY
HOLMESVILLE, OHIO

NICHOLAS KASCHEK
JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
STEBENVILLE, OHIO

ALBERT G. GILES
50 WEST BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED OUR NAMES, THIS
TWENTY-THIRD (23RD) DAY OF JANUARY, 1968.



LAWRENCE BURNS



CHARLES S. MILLIGAN



EUGENE R. WEIR

Original Appointment of Agent

The undersigned, being at least a majority of the incorporators of _____
(Name of Corporation)

TUSCARAWAS VALLEY REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

hereby appoint XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX RICHARD DEMUTH
(Name of Agent)

a natural person resident in the county in which the corporation has its principal office, a corporation
having a business address in the county in which _____
(Name of Corporation)

TUSCARAWAS VALLEY REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

has its principal office (strike out phrase not applicable), upon whom (which) any process, notice or
demand required or permitted by statute to be served upon the corporation may be served. His (Its)

complete address is COURTHOUSE NEW PHILADELPHIA
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXX
(Street or Avenue) (City or Village)

TUSCARAWAS County, Ohio.

TUSCARAWAS VALLEY REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Name of Corporation)

LAWRENCE BURNS

CHARLES S. MILLIGAN

EUGENE R. WEIR

(INCORPORATORS NAMES SHOULD BE TYPED OR PRINTED BENEATH SIGNATURES)

_____, Ohio

_____, 19____

TUSCARAWAS VALLEY REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Name of Corporation)

Gentlemen: I, It (strike out word not applicable) hereby accept(s) appointment as agent of your
corporation upon whom process, tax notices or demands may be served.

X Richard Demuth
(Signature of Agent or Name of Corporation)

By _____
(Signature of Officer Signing and Title)

Remarks: All articles of incorporation must be accompanied by an original appointment of agent. There is no
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Date

1-17-91


John Wargo

Witness


Betty Hawthorne


Donald Lowe


William Gotschall

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO

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OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS
ASSOCIATION

BY: _____

John E. O'Connell




UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Economic Development
Washington, D.C. 20230

Effective Date: DEC 2 1962

MEMORANDUM OF ADJUSTMENT IN BOUNDARIES
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Section 403 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, I hereby make the following adjustment in the boundaries of the Economic Development District listed below.

<u>State and District</u>	<u>Old District Definition</u>	<u>New District Definition</u>
Ohio Ohio Mid-East	Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas Counties*	Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, Tuscarawas, and Columbiana Counties*


L. Joyce Hampers
Assistant Secretary
for Economic Development

*All are Redevelopment Areas designated in accordance with Section 401 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Economic Development
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Gene L. MacDonald
President
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
P.O. Box 130
326 Highland Avenue
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

This is to inform you that, in response to your request, the request of Columbiana County, and the concurrence of the Governor of Ohio, the Economic Development Administration has added Columbiana County to your Economic Development District (EDD). The new EDD will consist of the counties of Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, Tuscarawas, and Columbiana.

This boundary modification was also made possible by your inclusion of Columbiana County in your revised Overall Economic Development (OEDP), approved by our Chicago Regional Office and concurred in by the State of Ohio. Continued implementation of the programs and projects identified in the OEDP should represent a major portion of the Association's efforts to solve local economic development problems more effectively.

We wish your Association every success in carrying out the economic development program it has embarked upon. As you proceed with your work, please feel free to call upon our Economic Development Representative, Robert Hickey, or our Regional Office in Chicago, Illinois.

Sincerely,

L. Joyce Hampers
Assistant Secretary
for Economic Development

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(2) Promote cooperative arrangements and coordinate action among its members, and between its members and other agencies of local or state governments, whether or not within Ohio, and the federal government;

(3) Make recommendations for review and action to the members and other public agencies that perform functions within the region;

(4) Promote cooperative agreements and contracts among its members or other governmental agencies and private persons, corporations, or agencies;

(5) Operate a public safety answering point in accordance with Chapter 128. of the Revised Code;

(6) Perform planning directly by personnel of the council, or under contracts between the council and other public or private planning agencies.

(B) The council may:

(1) Review, evaluate, comment upon, and make recommendations, relative to the planning and programming, and the location, financing, and scheduling of public facility projects within the region and affecting the development of the area;

(2) Act as an areawide agency to perform comprehensive planning for the programming, locating, financing, and scheduling of public facility projects within the region and affecting the development of the area and for other proposed land development or uses, which projects or uses have public metropolitan wide or interjurisdictional significance;

(3) Act as an agency for coordinating, based on metropolitan wide comprehensive planning and programming, local public policies, and activities affecting the development of the region or area.

(C) The council may, by appropriate action of the governing bodies of the members, perform such other functions and duties as are performed or capable of performance by the members and necessary or desirable for dealing with problems of mutual concern.

(D) The authority granted to the council by this section or in any agreement by the members thereof shall not displace any existing municipal, county, regional, or other planning commission or planning agency in the exercise of its statutory powers.

Amended by 130th General Assembly File No. 25, HB 59, §101.01, eff. 9/29/2013.

Amended by 129th General Assembly File No. 166, HB 360, §1, eff. 12/20/2012.

Amended by 129th General Assembly File No. 64, HB 225, §1, eff. 3/22/2012.

Effective Date: 03-18-1969

167.04 Adoption of by-laws.

(A) The regional council of governments shall adopt by-laws, by a majority vote of its members, designating the officers of the council and the method of their selection, creating a governing board that may act for the council as provided in the by-laws, and providing for the conduct of its business.

(B) The by-laws of the regional council of governments shall provide for the appointment of a fiscal officer, who may hold any other office or employment with the council, and who shall receive, deposit, invest, and

disburse the funds of the council in the manner authorized by the by-laws or action by the council.

(C) The by-laws of a regional council of governments the members of which include, under sections 167.01 and 167.02 of the Revised Code, at least eight counties may include a provision authorizing member attendance and voting at council meetings either in person or by proxy.

(D)

(1) Within ten business days after forming a regional council of governments, the officers of the council shall notify the auditor of state of the regional council's formation and shall provide on a form prescribed by the auditor of state the information regarding the regional council that the auditor of state considers necessary.

(2) As used in this division, "business day" means a day of the week, excluding Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday as defined in section 1.14 of the Revised Code.

Amended by 129th General Assembly File No. 127, HB 487, §101.01, eff. 6/11/2012.

Effective Date: 11-17-1967; 2007 HB119 09-29-2007

167.041.

An educational service center serving as a fiscal agent for a regional council of governments may establish a program for the council in which the fiscal agent may enter into agreements with the governing body of one or more member governments to lend money to the member or members for the purpose of improving infrastructure within the territory of the member or members located within this state.

Amended by 131st General Assembly File No. TBD, HB 64, §101.01, eff. 9/29/2015.

167.05 Employing personnel.

The council may employ such staff and contract for the services of such consultants and experts, and may purchase or lease or otherwise provide for such supplies, materials, equipment, and facilities as it deems necessary and appropriate in the manner and under procedures established by the by-laws of the council.

Effective Date: 11-17-1967

167.06 Financing programs and operations.

(A) The governing bodies of the member governments may appropriate funds to meet the expenses of the council. Services of personnel, use of equipment, and office space, and other necessary services may be accepted from members as part of their financial support. The members of the council, or the state of Ohio, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities, or political subdivisions or any governmental unit may give to the council moneys, real property, personal property, or services. The council may establish schedules of dues to be paid by its voting members to aid the financing of the operations and programs of the council in the manner provided in the agreement establishing the council or in the by-laws of the council. The council may permit non-member political subdivisions to participate in any of its activities regardless of whether such political subdivisions have paid dues to the council.

(B) The council may accept funds, grants, gifts, and services from the government of the United States or its agencies, from this state or its departments, agencies, instrumentalities, or from political subdivisions or from any other governmental unit whether participating in the council or not, and from private and civic

sources.

(C) A regional council of governments established to provide health care benefits to the member governments' employees and the employees' dependents may pool funds received from all the members of the council, including members from other states to the extent that the laws of such other states permit, for the payment of health care related claims and expenses.

(D) The council shall make an annual report of its activities to the member governments.

Amended by 131st General Assembly File No. TBD, HB 64, §101.01, eff. 9/29/2015.

Effective Date: 11-17-1967

167.07 Membership not a public office.

Membership on the council and holding an office of the council does not constitute the holding of a public office or employment within the meaning of any section of the Revised Code. Membership on the council and holding an office of the council shall not constitute an interest, either direct or indirect, in a contract or expenditure of money by any municipal corporation, township, special district, school district, county, or other political subdivision. No member or officer of the council shall be disqualified from holding any public office or employment, nor shall such member or officer forfeit any such office or employment, by reason of his position as an officer or member of the council, notwithstanding any law to the contrary.

Effective Date: 11-17-1967

167.08 Contracts for service.

The appropriate officials, authorities, boards, or bodies of counties, municipal corporations, townships, special districts, school districts, or other political subdivisions may contract with any council established pursuant to sections 167.01 to 167.07, inclusive, of the Revised Code to receive any service from such council or to provide any service to such council. Such contracts may also authorize the council to perform any function or render any service in behalf of such counties, municipal corporations, townships, special districts, school districts, or other political subdivisions, which such counties, municipal corporations, townships, special districts, school districts, or other political subdivisions may perform or render.

Effective Date: 11-17-1967

167.081 Authority of regional council to contract on a per unit basis.

A regional council may enter into a contract that establishes a unit price for, and provides upon a per unit basis, materials, labor, services, overhead, profit, and associated expenses for the repair, enlargement, improvement, or demolition of a building or structure if the contract is awarded pursuant to a competitive bidding procedure of a county, municipal corporation, or township or a special district, school district, or other political subdivision that is a council member; a statewide consortium of which the council is a member; or a multistate consortium of which the council is a member.

A public notice requirement pertaining to the contract shall be considered as having been met if the public notice is given once a week for at least two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within a county in this state in which the council has members and if the notice is posted on the council's internet web site for at least two consecutive weeks before the date specified for receiving bids.

A county, municipal corporation, or township and a special district, school district, or other political

subdivision that is a council member may participate in a contract entered into under this section. Purchases under a contract entered into under this section are exempt from any competitive selection or bidding requirements otherwise required by law. A county, municipal corporation, or township or a special district, school district, or other political subdivision that is a member of the council is not entitled to participate in a contract entered into under this section if it has received bids for the same work under another contract, unless participation in a contract under this section will enable the member to obtain the same work, upon the same terms, conditions, and specifications, at a lower price.

Added by 129th General Assembly File No. 28, HB 153, §101.01, eff. 9/29/2011.

167.10 Qualifying council defined - general powers.

(A) As used in this section and sections 167.101 to 167.105 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Qualifying council" means a regional council established under section 167.01 of the Revised Code to which both of the following requirements apply:

(a) The council's membership is composed primarily of city, local, and exempted village school districts, or any combination of such districts;

(b) The council is an information technology center approved under section 3301.075 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Securities" means bonds, notes, or other evidence of obligation issued in temporary or permanent form, including book-entry securities.

(B) A qualifying council may acquire, construct, and otherwise improve real and personal property to be used by or for the benefit of the qualifying council or one or more of its members. The acquisition, construction, and improvement may be financed by cash, installment payments with or without a mortgage, lease-purchase agreements, leases with an option to purchase, or securities issued pursuant to section 167.101 of the Revised Code.

Effective Date: 2007 HB119 09-29-2007

167.101 Issuance of securities by qualifying council.

(A) A qualifying council may issue securities only for the purpose described in section 167.10 of the Revised Code. The securities may be secured only by the following:

(1) A pledge of and lien on the revenue of the qualifying council, or such lesser portion of the revenue as may be designated by the qualifying council, whether derived from agreements with its members and other persons or from its ownership or operation of any property, including available rates, charges, rents, interest subsidies, debt charges, grants, or payments by federal or state agencies, but excluding funds received pursuant to section 3301.075 of the Revised Code;

(2) Covenants of the qualifying council to maintain rentals, rates, and charges to produce revenue sufficient to do all of the following:

(a) Pay all the current expenses of the property financed with the proceeds of the securities;

(b) Pay the debt charges on the securities;

(c) Establish and maintain any contractually required special funds relating to the securities or the property acquired, constructed, or improved.

County of Columbiana

PHONE 424-9511

Lisbon, Ohio

44432

County Commissioners:

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Ronald B. Mackall

Allan G. Chamberlin

David N. Halverstadt

January 9, 1981

Edna M. Ray, Clerk

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

CERTIFICATION

I, Edna M. Ray, Duly appointed Clerk for The Board of Commissioners, Columbiana County, Ohio certify the copies of Resolution - Authorizing Creation - Port Authority is a true copy and may be found in Commissioners' Journal, Volume 52, page 48.

Yours truly,

Edna M. Ray, Clerk for
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

enclosure/



IN RE: RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING CREATION - PORT AUTHORITY

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbiana County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 14 day of March, 1977, with the following members present:

Mr. Curran and Mr. Dailey

Mr. Curran offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Mr. Dailey.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A PORT AUTHORITY
FOR COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4582 OHIO
REVISED CODE.

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbiana County, Ohio, that it is hereby creating and establishing a port authority for columbiana County, Ohio, which Authority shall be composed of a Board of Directors consisting of five members which directors shall serve without compensation for a term of four years and meet the qualifications provided in Section 4582.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and be so arranged that the term of at least one member will expire each year; the port authority hereby created shall have and possess all the powers and duties as provided in Chapter 4582 of the Ohio Revised and especially those powers and duties specifically designated in Section 4582.06, Ohio Revised Code.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbiana County, Ohio, that this Board declare its intention to proceed with the creation of a port authority for Columbiana County under the provisions of Chapter 4582, Ohio Revised Code.

Upon roll call, the Commissioners voted as follows:

Mr. Curran: Aye
Mr. Dailey: Aye
Mr. Ursu: Absent

IN RE: GUILFORD LAKE SEWER PROJECT - PERMIT

A letter was received from Center Township Board of Trustees authorizing an extension on the permit to construct sewers within Center Township right-of-way at Guilford Lake, through



City of New Philadelphia

Joel B. Day, Mayor

150 East High Avenue, Suite 102

New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Phone: (330) 364-4491, x1242 • Fax: (330) 343-2489

Date: November 18, 2019

Jeannette Wierzbicki
Executive Director
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
326 Highland Avenue, Suite B
Cambridge, OH 43725

RE: Letter of Commitment for EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

Dear Ms. Wierzbicki,

I am pleased to confirm that the City of New Philadelphia is committing to membership in the Brownfield Coalition led by the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association and will support this Brownfields Assessment Grant Application to secure funding through the Fiscal Year 2019 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Grant Program.

By allowing the Coalition to identify and assess brownfield sites and plan for their future redevelopment, the EPA Grant will support the long-term economic well-being of our region and encourage reinvestment and economic development opportunities. Grant funding will allow the Coalition to identify and assess brownfield sites along some of our region's waterways where the redevelopment of commercial and industrial corridors will support our long-term vision to revitalize our region's neighborhoods and economy. This funding will also support efforts to implement measures on former brownfield sites that will support energy efficiency, and leverage funding already committed to redevelopment efforts in the region. Creating usable properties will encourage much-needed reinvestment, economic development, and job creation opportunities.

Two properties in New Philadelphia immediately come to mind in terms of restoring their value as commercial redevelopment areas.

A site on Mill Avenue SW is in an industrial zoning area near the City's water well field and the Tuscarawas River. An assessment is necessary to determine the extent of chemical spills from a dry cleaning business that was once located on the site. Once that is known, a plan can be created to not only further protect the City's water source, but to restore the area for economic development. Its location is centered in an area where future Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail and excursion train railroad projects are planned.

There is also a brownfield location in downtown New Philadelphia that was once the site of a gas station and a hydraulic cylinder repair shop. Once assessed and restored, it could be included in plans to revitalize the City's downtown area.

Currently New Philadelphia lacks new development sites in both areas. This fact has limited job growth opportunities in the center of town. The City does not have the resources to fund cleanup efforts on its own. Membership in the Brownfield Coalition will give the City access to grant funding that would help.

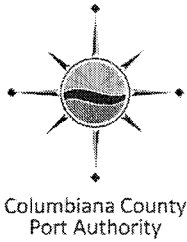
If funds are awarded, the City of New Philadelphia will commit to schedule and facilitate necessary stakeholder meetings in our community throughout the assessment process and will raise public awareness with social media and local newspaper and radio updates. We will also make in-kind donations of necessary labor.

If you need further information, please contact me at 330-364-4491 x1241 or jday@newphilaoh.com. The City of New Philadelphia looks forward to partnering with the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association in this important effort to secure funding that will promote revitalization in our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Beahm Day". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "J" and "D".

Joel Beahm Day, Mayor



Columbiana County Port Authority

7860 Lincole Place A; Lisbon, Ohio 44432
Phone: 330-424-1800 | Fax: 330-424-4909

Email: ccpa@ccpa-ohioriver.com

Website: www.ccpa-ohioriver.com

November 1, 2019

Jeannette Wierzbicki
Executive Director
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
326 Highland Avenue, Suite B
Cambridge, OH 43725

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Dear Ms. Wierzbicki,

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By allowing the Coalition to identify and assess brownfield sites and plan for their future redevelopment, the EPA Grant will support the long-term economic well-being of our region and encourage reinvestment and economic development opportunities. Grant funding will allow the Coalition to identify and assess brownfield sites along some of our region's waterways where the redevelopment of commercial and industrial corridors will support our long-term vision to revitalize our region's neighborhoods and economy. This funding will also support efforts to implement measures on former brownfield sites that will support energy efficiency, and leverage funding already committed to redevelopment efforts in the region. Creating usable properties will encourage much-needed reinvestment, economic development, and job creation opportunities.

The Columbiana County Port Authority's focus over the past several years has been to help develop new businesses in the County and help current businesses expand. The need for usable properties to help support development and expansion continues to be an issue. With the assistance of the Brownfields Assessment Grant Program, the number of available usable properties could increase allowing for more economic development opportunities throughout Columbiana County.

If funds are awarded, the Columbiana County Port Authority will commit to schedule and facilitate 4 stakeholder meetings in our community throughout the assessment process and will provide ongoing media updates to our community.

If you need further information, please contact me at 330-424-1800, or ptraina@ccpa-ohioriver.com. The Columbiana County Port Authority looks forward to partnering with the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association in this important effort to secure funding that will promote revitalization in our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Penny J. Traina". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a stylized "J" and "T".

Penny J. Traina, Executive Director



Counties in dark green represent OMEGA's ten-county coverage area. This Coalition grant will be covering all counties not marked by an X. Columbiana County is covered excluding the City of Salem, (denoted by brown square above). Excluded counties and cities are either covered by a current Assessment grant or are applying on their own.

Coshocton County - Included
 Tuscarawas County - Included
 Columbiana County - Included
 (Excluding the City of Salem)
 Holmes County - Included
 Guernsey County - Included
 Carroll County - Included
 Harrison County - Included

Additional Congressional Districts for OMEGA Brownfield Coalition Assessment Map

OH-007

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

11/26/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

Ohio

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

* c. Organizational DUNS:

1365761750000

d. Address:

* Street1:

326 Highland Ave

Street2:

Suite B

* City:

Cambridge

County/Parish:

Guernsey

* State:

OH: Ohio

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

43725-2530

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Trina

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Woodland

Suffix:

Title:

Community Development Specialist

Organizational Affiliation:

Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association

* Telephone Number:

7404394471

Fax Number:

7404397783

* Email:

trinaw@omegadistrict.org

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

E: Regional Organization

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-05

* Title:

FY20 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

View Attachment

* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

OMEGA Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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View Attachments

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="600,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="600,000.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☒ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed: